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In re Application of:	)	
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TOMOKAZU ANDO	)	
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Application No.: 10/602,821	)	
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Filed: June 25, 2003	)	
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For: HERMETIC CONTAINER AND	)	
IMAGE DISPLAY APPARATUS	:	
USING THE SAME	)	November 22, 2005

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed, together with a copy of an October 5, 2005 Japanese Official Letter Report citing them.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English Abstracts attached thereto.

For the concise statement of relevance of non-English document JP 2000-311630, the Examiner is referred to English U.S. counterparts U.S. Patent No. 6,605,893 and U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0090196 A1.

Also, for the concise statement of relevance of non-English document JP 2002-083535, the Examiner is referred to English U.S. counterpart U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0079839 A1.

Also, Applicant represents that the Japanese Official Letter states the following in a section marked "\*1" in handwriting for the Examiner's convenience (translation into English):

Cited References

1. JP 2000-311630
2. JP 2002-083535
3. JP 09-283059

With regard to claims 1-13, 15-17, the documents 1-3 are relevant.

The document 1 discloses that a second frame member is disposed at outside of a first frame member, to constitute an image display apparatus having a vacuum container with reinforced rigidity. Accordingly, claim 1-8, 10, 13, and 15-17 do not have a novelty and an inventive-step in view of the document.

The document 2 discloses a display apparatus having a hermetic container wherein an anode and cathode substrates are sealed with a low melting point glass, and a connection block is disposed outside of the sealing portion for connecting between the anode and the cathode substrates. Accordingly, claims 1-11, 13 and 15-17 do not have a novelty and an inventive-step over the document 2.

The document 3 discloses an envelope comprising a face plate, a rear plate, an outer frame and a spacer connected to the rear and face plates

inside thereof for supporting, and an image display apparatus using the envelope. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 do not have an inventive-step over the document 3.

And, a usage of a low melting point metal such as indium for in the sealing material as defined in claim 12 is well-known.

A section of the Japanese Official Letter marked "\*2\*" for the Examiner's convenience does not address the cited documents, but relates merely to formal issues regarding claims of the relevant Japanese patent application.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

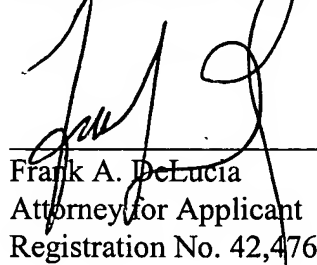
Each item (2000-311630, 2002-083535, and 09-283059) of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

It is believed that no fee is required to cover the Information Disclosure Statement. However, if a fee is required please charge it to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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Respectfully submitted,



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